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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AIR SHIPMENT

REF: STATE 029630

1. TO DATE MOD HAS MADE NO REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED SHIPMENT OF ANY MILITARY SUPPLIES IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT ERITREAN ACTION.

2. ALL ELEMENTS OF EPMG HAVE REFUSED TO DISCUSS RECENT ERITREAN ACTION IN ANY DETAIL WITH ELEMENTS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM, INCLUDING USMAAG. WE ARE THEREFORE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THEIR SUPPLY EXPENDITURES TO DATE OR WITH THEIR THINKING REGARDING THEIR PRESENT NEEDS. WE RECOMMEND THAT NO COMMITMENTS REGARDING THE EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES BE MADE IN WASHINGTON UNTIL THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS SUBMITTED ITS REQUEST FOR SUCH AND BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE OCCURRED HERE. ON RECEIPT OF ANY REQUEST FROM MOD FOR EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES, USMAAG WILL PRESS FOR ADJUSTED INVENTORY DATA BASED ON ERITREAN EXPENDITURES AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS BASED THEREON.

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3. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, BEFORE THE RECENT ERITREAN ACTION,

USMAAG INVENTORY DATA FOR THE ITEMS MENTIONED IN REFTEL INDICATED THAT:

A. 20 MM FOR F5A: THERE WAS ABOUT 30 DAYS WAR RESERVES (WR) OF 20 MM HEI AND 0 DAYS 20 MM API IN COUNTRY. NONE PROGRAMMED IN MAP. (BY CHMAAG MSG DTG 091311Z JUL 74, CHMAAG RECOMMENDED THAT 27,168 ROUNDS OF 20 MM API BE INCLUDED IN FMS CASE. NO FMS CASE YET PREPARED FOR IMPLEMENTATION.)

B. 50 CAL FOR F-86: THERE WAS ABOUT 37 DAYS WR IN COUNTRY. NONE PROGRAMMED UNDER MAP OR FOR FMS CASE.

C. 7.62 MM FOR M14/14A1: THERE WAS ABOUT 150 DAYS WR IN COUNTRY, DUE TO HOARDING OF TRAINING AMMUNITION AND INTRODUCTION OF AMMUNITION FOR M14/14A1 WEAPONS STILL DUE IN UNDER MAP. NO 7.62 MM AMMUNITION PROGRAMMED AND OUTSTANDING IN MAP BEFORE FY 76 NOR IN CURRENT FMS CASE UB1.

4. IT IS CLEAR FROM THIS DATA THAT ANY REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED SUPPLIES, PARTICULARLY AMMUNITION, SHOULD BE RESEARCHED CAREFULLY. THE ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES ARE NOT VERY PROFICIENT IN MAINTAINING INVENTORY DATA. IN FACT, AT ONE TIME DURING THE RECENT ERITREAN ACTION, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ASKED USMAAG "HOW MUCH 7.62 MM AMMUNITION DO WE HAVE IN COUNTRY?"

5. THE O&M CONTENT OF THE FY 74 MAP WAS APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT AND IS ABOUT 42 PERCENT FOR THE FY 75 MAP. IN LINE WITH CURRENT GUIDANCE, CHMAAG IS MAKING A STRONG EFFORT TO GET MOD TO AGREE WITH THE REDUCTION OF O&M IN THE MAP BY HAVING EPMG ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTAIN O&M AREAS. CONSEQUENTLY, IF USMAAG DOES RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED SUPPLIES WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY AVAILABLE DATA, THE MODE OF PROVISION SHOULD BE FMS CASH OR CREDIT EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE SUPPLIES ARE ALREADY PROGRAMMED UNDER MAP. GEN. YOW SENDS.
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